



## Biannual Strategic Meeting of the PGA UN Advisory Committee

Ambassadorial Level

Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations 633 Third Ave, 27<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 12 February 2020, from 1:15pm to 2:45pm

Luncheon available from 1:00pm

## I. Objectives

- 1. To highlight progress made as well as remaining challenges regarding the implementation of PGA's Strategic Plan 2019-2021 with respect to its 3 Programmes:
  - a) International Law and Human Rights
  - b) Gender, Equality and Inclusion
  - c) International Peace and Security
- 2. To discuss the role of Parliamentarians in supporting and implementing the UN Agenda at the national level.
- 3. To share the *Praia Plan of Action on promoting democratic renewal and inclusion, safeguarding human rights, and protecting the Oceans* adopted at PGA's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Forum of Parliamentarians held in the Parliament of Cape Verde, November 2019.
- 4. To explore opportunities for collaboration with PGA Member-Parliamentarians with UN institutions on 2020 priorities.

### II. Expected Outcomes

- 1. Increased knowledge of the activities and goals of PGA in 2020 and opportunities for cooperation with Member States and UN agencies.
- 2. Improved understanding of the role parliamentarians can play when implementing the UN Agenda at the domestic level and how the United Nations can support these endeavours.

## III. Agenda

### 1:15pm <u>Introduction</u>

Welcoming remarks by the Chair of the PGA UN Committee H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations (5 minutes)

# 1:20pm Presentation of PGA's 2019 activities and Strategic Plan 2019-2021: Mobilizing Legislators as Champions for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General, PGA (10 minutes)

- International Law and Human Rights (1) Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and (2) Abolition of the Death Penalty Campaigns; (3) Campaign on Protection of the Oceans and Implementation of SDG 14.
- **Gender, Equality and Inclusion** (4) Non-discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) and (5) Ending Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) Campaigns.
- International Peace and Security (6) Campaign for Universality and Implementation of Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and Addressing the Illicit Trade in SALW, (7) Campaign for Universality and Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and Promoting Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004).
- (8) New core Campaign on Democratic Renewal & Human Rights.

Question and Answer session (20 minutes)

1:50pm <u>Election of the new Prosecutor and Judges at the ICC in 2020</u>: what does it mean for the global efforts to fight impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern?

Brief discussion chaired by Amb. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations (10 Minutes)

2:10pm Outcomes of the PGA 41st Annual Forum and UN priorities on the Oceans

Brief remarks by PGA's Secretary-General (5 Minutes)

2:15pm Strategic Work of the PGA UN Committee in 2020

Brief remarks by Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General; UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs (5 minutes)

2:20pm Input from Participants to PGA (20 Minutes)

2:40pm Conclusions

2:45pm End of the meeting

## IV. Members of the PGA United Nations Advisory Committee

(Countries in Alphabetical Order)

- 1. **H.E. Amb. Jan Kickert**, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN
- 2. H.E. Amb. Rodrigo A. Carazo, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN
- 3. **H.E. Amb. Ivan Šimonović**, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the UN (*Presidency of the EU Council*)
- 4. Ms. Rebecca Lynge, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN
- 5. **H.E. Amb. Silvio Gonzato**, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the UN
- 6. H.E. Amb. Chull-joo Park, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN
- 7. **H.E. Amb. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN
- 8. Ms. Tatjana Konieczny, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the UN
- 9. **H.E. Amb. Magnus Lennartsson**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN
- 10. H.E. Amb. Dominique Favre, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN
- 11. Mr. Vincent Rittener, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN
- 12. H.E. Amb. Yuriy Vitrenko, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN
- 13. **Mr. Adama Dieng**, Under-Secretary-General, UN; Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide
- 14. Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General; UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

### Representatives of Member States and UN bodies

- 15. Ms. Catherine Boucher, Counsellor Legal and Social Affairs, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN
- 16. Mrs. Maria D'Alva, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guinea-Bissau to the UN
- 17. H.E. Amb. Patrick Saint Hilaire, Permanent Representative of Haiti to the UN
- 18. Mr. Enrico Milano, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN

- 19. Mr. Enrico Pedrotti, Adviser, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN
- 20. Ms. Aahde Lahmiri, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the UN
- 21. H.E. Amb. António Gumende, Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the UN
- 22. Ms. Liselot Egmond, First Secretary Legal Affairs, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN
- 23. H.E. Amb. Susan Eckey, Representative to the ECOSOC, Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN
- 24. H.E. Amb. Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the UN
- 25. **Dr. Agnes Callamard**, UN Special Rapporteur on Extra-Judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions; Director, Global Freedom of Expression, Columbia University

#### **PGA Secretariat**

- 26. Dr. David Donat Cattin (Italy), Secretary-General
- 27. Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (USA), Deputy Secretary-General
- 28. Mr. Peter Barcroft (Ireland), Senior Director, International Peace and Security Programme
- 29. Ms. Mónica Adame (Mexico), Director, Gender Equality and Inclusion Programme
- 30. Ms. Melissa Verpile (Haiti/USA), Senior Legal Officer, International Law & Human Rights Programme
- 31. Mr. Thiago Carvalho (Brazil/Portugal), Senior Programme Officer
- 32. Mr. Alejandro Roche (Spain), Senior Programme Officer, Gender Equality and Inclusion Programme
- 33. Ms. Tiffany Ommundsen (USA), Development Officer
- 34. Mr. Tanvir Deol (Canada), Programme Associate, International Peace and Security Programme

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#### VISION

To contribute to the creation of a rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world.

MISSION

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- Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
- Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the UN
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